

THE BRISTOL COUNTY GAZETTE.

Why Oliver Should Get the Senatorial Toga. The failure of all the Pittsburgh morning newspapers, with the exception of the Gazette Times, to give editorial endorsement of Penrose's selection of George T. Oliver to be United States Senator is due, probably, to journalistic jealousy.

The assumption, perhaps, is that Penrose has given this job to some one else, but the Leader thinks Penrose has done exactly right. Who was waded through deeper political muck and mire to serve him than Oliver? And what would add to the Penrose standing and prestige in the Senate more than a colleague like Oliver?

Penrose has been suffering for the past couple of years from the Knox eclipse in the Senate. He has been completely overshadowed by the junior Senator, and as Knox obscures him so he would tower above and hide the puny Oliver.

From a machine standpoint Oliver is entitled to the Senatorship. No other machine politician has ever gone quite to the depths and lengths that Oliver has in the service of the machine. He brought his way into politics as he bought it into journalism. He has today nothing to show for his money except a lot of unredemmed promises.

He will never have anything more unless it is given to him by Penrose. Except upon one occasion he has had to strangle his ambition to hold office, because it involved an appeal to the people. And when he screwed up enough courage to meet with a most humiliating defeat at the hands of a man who was previously unknown and unheard of. Even in his home district this stranger in politics beat him five to one.

Surely the machine owes him something for what he has paid, what he has done and what he has endured for it. If he is not paid then there is no honor among—well, let us say among ring politicians, which is much the same thing.

If Oliver had to go before the people to seek this United States Senatorship there would then be some reason for leaving him out of consideration. He would not even be considering himself for the place. Nothing could induce him to submit his candidacy for any office to the people. He hasn't the courage. He is a candidate now and has been for several years, yet he has never had the courage to say so openly.

The Leader does not believe that the election of Oliver by order of Penrose will be particularly harmful. Penrose will not allow a real Senator to be elected, and since we cannot have that kind, why not Oliver?

Is there anything that would do more to awaken the sleeping conscience of Pennsylvania citizenship than to have the State represented in the United States Senate by a Penrose and an Oliver? Wouldn't it be worth while to have Oliver in the Senate for that alone?

Another consideration, which is purely local, might be mentioned. There is a possibility that Oliver will find life in Washington to his liking and that he will make up his mind to stay there. Is not that enough to make Pittsburghers enthusiastic in their support of him for this Penrose-peddled seat?

And who can say that he may not rise equal to the Senatorship? He tried to be a lawyer and failed, set himself up as a politician and was laughed at, bought an editorial chair and could not fill it, but it does not follow that he will be a failure as a Senator. He may have been aiming too low right along.

Give him a chance. The Leader has none of that small and mean professional jealousy that would deny to Oliver the reward for his wallowing in machine muck. It goes frankly on record with the declaration that there is none fitter to fill the office within the gift of Penrose than George T. Oliver, and it unhesitatingly indorses him to Penrose for favorable consideration in filling this Senatorial vacancy.

If this were a matter in which the people of Pennsylvania were allowed a voice the Leader will admit that it would have something different to say upon the subject. It would not need to say much, it is true, but it would speak out plainly.

But the people have handed over their authority to Penrose and the Leader therefore speaks on what Penrose should do if he would not brand himself an ingrate.

Oliver is the logical candidate for the place. There is none other so well qualified to sit in the Senate as the colleague of Penrose. He is everything that Penrose is or wants him to be and he lacks nothing that Penrose has except the courage of crooked politics. And that courage he will never possess. But it isn't necessary, if Penrose has sufficient to go to the front for him.

Without proving false to the machine the Allegheny members of the Legislature could not help indorsing Oliver for Senator at yesterday's caucus. If they did not how long could they expect to find men willing to risk their character and social standing in the slough of dirty politics or to buy and prostitute newspapers to serve their boss and machine?

Oliver for Senator? Sure. He is an ideal candidate for an office to be filled as this one is. So long as the people of Pennsylvania give Penrose the power of filling vacancies in the United States Senate or other public office, Oliver is just the kind of man that should be elected.

The protest from some that the Legislative caucus was a snafu affair, hastily summoned to prevent consideration of any other candidate than Oliver, is probably well founded, but what else could any one expect from either Penrose or Oliver? That's the way they do things, and Oliver, particularly know that he had to do the thing quick or not at all.

The Best Prize. A titled Englishman while in New York talked most entertainingly to a group of ladies about ancestral pride. "Ancestral pride is an excellent thing," he said, "but there are better things. We have long felt in Great Britain that there are better things. I heard the sentiment rather neatly expressed last season by a duchess. There is a great family, but she was talking to a young marquess whose family is incomparably greater. He is a rather worthless, lazy, dissipated young man, and he looked to the duchess as if he were a good deal of a failure. "I am very proud of my ancestry, you know," he ended. "Yes," said the duchess, "and you have cause to be, but I wonder how your ancestry would feel about you?"

Worrying. Worrying is one of the greatest drawbacks to happiness. Most of it can be avoided if we only determine not to let trifles annoy us, for the largest amount of worrying is caused by the smallest trifles.

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